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**EX-YONKERS HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICIAL SENTENCED
TO ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY IN PRISON FOR TAKING BRIBES**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that EDWARD ZAMBORSKY, a former Superintendent of Buildings for the Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority, was sentenced in White Plains federal court today to a year and a day in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,830 to the Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority for soliciting and accepting bribes in exchange for inflating Housing Authority contracts. ZAMBORSKY was sentenced by United States District Judge NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD. He pled guilty on February 19, 2003, before United States Magistrate Judge MARK D. FOX.

In imposing sentence, Judge BUCHWALD stated that ZAMBORSKY's conduct constituted a "serious breach of trust that should exist between the government and its citizens" and described ZAMBORSKY's conduct as motivated by "greed and arrogance." She emphasized that ZAMBORSKY's imprisonment was

meant to "send a message to all public officials in positions to breach public trust that if they do and if they are caught, they are going to be prosecuted, going to jail, and going to be fined."

ZAMBORSKY was arrested on May 16, 2002, on charges of bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds, and was later indicted on the same charges.

According to the charging instrument and ZAMBORSKY's plea allocution, ZAMBORSKY was employed as the site superintendent for the Yonkers Housing Authority's Cottage Place Gardens property. In his position as site superintendent, ZAMBORSKY was responsible for overseeing all aspects of maintenance and repair work for the site, including hiring outside contractors to perform various work projects.

ZAMBORSKY circumvented the Housing Authority's bidding process and arranged for one contractor to receive inflated prices on contracts for work he preformed for the Housing Authority. In exchange, ZAMBORSKY requested and received from the contractor free construction services on ZAMBORSKY's home, his son's home and on a rental property owned by ZAMBORSKY.

According to evidence offered by the Government at a sentencing hearing, those construction services - including paving walkways and a sidewalk, re-roofing a garage, installing a fence, and paving a driveway - were worth at least \$16,000.

ZAMBORSKY faced a maximum term of imprisonment of 5

years and a statutory maximum fine of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss derived from the offense.

Mr. COMEY praised the joint efforts of the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority.

Assistant United States Attorney STEVEN D. FELDMAN is in charge of the prosecution.

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